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TAX concessions and special economic zones to attract businesses and workers to Northern Australia were raised during the ADC Northern Development Summit.

Singapore Management University Associate Professor Tan Kim Song said special rules for business were common in South-East Asia.

“If you believe that Northern Australia needs to catch up and market forces don’t quite work then you should be thinking about (creating a special economic zone),” he said. Assoc Prof Tan said there were often questions raised about whether such concessions were bribes or normal government assistance.

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